



# COON RAPIDS *Connection*

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## Riverview Park Renovations Underway



*New playground equipment has been installed at Riverview Park.*

If you have driven by Riverview Park (2420 105th Avenue) in the last couple of months, you know there have been a lot of changes going on! Renovation of this park started in September as part of the Park Bond approved by voters in 2013. Construction crews have installed new playground equipment, expanded the parking areas and started building a new warming house with bathrooms. Work will continue on the interior of the building this winter.

Other new enhancements include a new tennis court, half-court basketball, picnic shelter and trails. The main access point to the park is now located

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## New Food and Beverage Manager at Bunker Hills Golf Club

Bunker Hills Golf Club is pleased to announce that Morrissey Hospitality Companies, Inc. is the new food and beverage manager for the Event Center and Bar & Grill at Bunker Hills. This change became effective November 3, 2014. Morrissey Hospitality Companies (MHC) is a leader in providing restaurant-quality food and catering services in a variety



**BUNKER HILLS**  
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of settings. MHC continues to carry on the traditions of great food and service here at Bunker Hills as well as developing new menu options our guests will love."

What was known as the Harvest Grill Restaurant is now the Bar & Grill at Bunker Hills. The restaurant offers a variety of menu items including salads, sandwiches, rotisserie chicken, steaks and seafood. Whether you are hungry after a round of golf, or just looking for a unique place to eat out, you are invited to visit the Bar & Grill for lunch or dinner. Sunday Brunch is also available from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Bunker Hills Event Center is perfect for weddings, meetings, holiday parties and other special events.

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of settings. MHC manages several well-known restaurants including the St. Paul Grill, Pazzaluna Urban Italian Restaurant and Bar as well as Tria Restaurant, Bar & Event Center.

Tim Anderson, Bunker Hills Director of Golf Operations says, "We are so excited to have Morrissey Hospitality Companies partner with Bunker Hills Golf Club as the new food and beverage manager. This is an exciting



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# Mayor's Corner

Hello Coon Rapids! Wow – I am truly humbled, honored, and thankful to be serving as the Mayor of this great community. It was 1952 when my Mom and Dad moved with their young sons from Minneapolis to what would become our family hometown, Coon Rapids.

I love the memories of growing up in Coon Rapids. As a young boy, I spent many warm Sunday afternoons watching the cars traveling down 'old' highway 10, as they returned home from weekends 'up North'. I remember the fun times playing with friends from the neighborhood, and being outside no matter the season; the excitement being with my family when Fr. Reiser arrived in Coon Rapids to establish what would become Epiphany Catholic Church. One of my favorite pictures is that of my Dad, Gene, at the Epiphany ground-breaking with so many others from the community.

The trust and sense of community growing up is also vivid in my memory; doors were unlocked, and everyone knew everyone else in the neighborhood. I recall how people supported our family when my younger brother was diagnosed with Wilms Tumor, and after a brave 10 month bout, passed away in October of 1964. I recall his incredible witness

of God's love, and the wonderful way neighbors and friends would gather around with meals and support. I am lucky to have grown up in such a marvelous place and continue to feel this great sense of community in Coon Rapids today.

My wife Sue and I have 5 kids, 1 daughter-in-law, and 2 grandkids. My Mom, Alma, is 94 and still lives in her own home in town. We are blessed with great family, friends, and neighbors. Coon Rapids is a wonderful place to call home.

While this is a time of change on the City Council, it is also an exciting time as we move forward in 2015. We lament the departure of Mayor Howe, Councilman Sanders, and Councilman Johnson; these three have served this community well, and leave big shoes to fill. Fortunately, we have two bright and enthusiastic new councilmembers in Wade Demmer and Brad Johnson, and the continuing sage counsel of Councilmembers Ron Manning, Steve Wells and Denise Klint. I look forward to working together to make Coon Rapids the city businesses know they can thrive in, and the community folks will want to call home.

*Mayor Jerry Koch*

## City Meetings CALENDAR

(All meetings held at the Coon Rapids City Center unless otherwise noted.)

### City Council Meetings

Jan 5 & 20, Feb 3 & 17,  
March 3 & 17 • 7:00 p.m.

### Arts Commission

Jan 20, Feb 17 & March 17 • 6:00 p.m.

### Board of Adjustment and Appeals

Jan 8, Feb 5, March 5 • 6:30 p.m.

### Historical Commission

Jan 15, Feb 19 & March 19 • 7:30 p.m.

### Parks and Recreation Commission

Jan 12, Feb 9, March 9 • 6:30 p.m.  
Public Works Garage

### Planning Commission

Jan 15, Feb 19, March 19 • 6:30 p.m.

### Safety Commission

Jan 8, March 12 • 7:15 p.m.

### Sustainability Commission

Jan 15, Feb 19, March 19 • 6:30 p.m.

### City offices will be closed:

January 19 & February 16

Schedule subject to change. Contact the staff liaison at 763-755-2880 to confirm.

Public notices are published in the City's official newspaper, The Anoka County UnionHerald, and on the website: [www.coonrapidsmn.gov](http://www.coonrapidsmn.gov)

### Sign up for Electronic Communication

Thanks to email and social media, instant communication is easier than ever these days, but are you missing out on important announcements? Sign up for the City of Coon Rapids E-News service. This system allows residents to receive emails featuring

information about community events, important announcements, meeting cancellations and more! It's quick and easy to do. Just visit the City's website at [www.coonrapidsmn.gov](http://www.coonrapidsmn.gov) and sign up for E-News, which is located on the right hand side of the homepage.

You can also follow news on the City's Facebook and Twitter pages.



## WINTER 2015 NEWSLETTER

### 2015 COON RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL



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**Jerry Koch**

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## 2014 City Council Election Results

The Coon Rapids City Council has new members this year. Jerry Koch, who served as Ward 4 Councilmember, has been elected as the City's Mayor. Wade Demmer is the new Ward 3 Councilmember and Brad Johnson is the new Ward 5 Councilmember. All new Councilmembers will be sworn in to office at the January 5, 2015 City Council meeting.

The City Council will decide how to fill the vacant position created in Ward 4, now that Jerry Koch has moved into the Mayor's seat. The Council can choose to appoint a member or hold a special election.

### Voting Results:

#### Mayor:

Jerry Koch	9170 votes	(51.12%)
Ron Manning	8648 votes	(48.21%)

#### Councilmember Ward 3:

Wade Demmer	1786 votes	(59.57%)
Ethan Yang	1197 votes	(39.93%)

#### Councilmember Ward 5:

Brad Johnson	1693 votes	(51.65%)
Valerie Weaver	1571 votes	(47.93%)

## 2015 City Budget

The Coon Rapids City Council approved the 2015 budget at the December 2, 2014 City Council meeting. The budget assumes continued levels of service with some additional enhancements. The Park Improvement Fund includes \$6.7 million for the first phase of park improvements authorized by voters in 2013. The Water Fund includes \$3.1 million to replace water mains where needed in street reconstruction areas. Other budget highlights include continued aggressive street maintenance, capital equipment replacement as well as continued emphasis on code enforcement and neighborhood reinvestment initiatives.

The proposed City tax levy for 2015 is \$24,260,690 as compared to \$22,879,026 in 2014.

The entire 2015 proposed budget can be viewed on the City's website as well as other information about the budget at [www.coonrapidsmn.gov](http://www.coonrapidsmn.gov)

## Save the Date!

**FREE EVENT!**

**Saturday, April 25, 2015**

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**National Sports Center**

1750 105th Ave. NE

Featuring local businesses and services that focus on sustainability and the environment.



*Ideas for Sustainable Living*

[www.mngreenexpo.org](http://www.mngreenexpo.org)

Applications for vendor exhibitors now being accepted. Visit the city's website [www.coonrapidsmn.gov](http://www.coonrapidsmn.gov) for more details.

## New City Code for Exterior Building Work

The City Council has adopted a new ordinance which requires building exterior work to be completed in a specific period of time. Exterior work includes work on all exterior parts of a building but not limited to: roofs, windows, doors, siding and stairs. Exterior work also includes work on other exterior structures including but not limited to: driveways, retaining walls, sheds, detached garages, decks and fences.

Exterior work authorized by a building permit issued in accordance with the Minnesota State Building Code must be completed within a specified number of days from the date of issuance.

### Buildings or structures on single family residential property:

Roofs, siding, replacement doors and windows	180 days
Detached structures and sheds	180 days
New construction	365 days
Additions to primary home	365 days
Retaining walls and grading	180 days

### Buildings or structures on multi-family residential property:

Twin home exterior work	same deadlines as single family
Quad home exterior work	275 days
Buildings with more than four units	365 days

### Buildings or structures on commercial or industrial property:

Building exterior work	as determined by the Building Official
Exterior structures other than primary building	365 days

A building permit expires 180 days from the date of issuance if the work authorized by the permit has not started as provided in the Minnesota State Building Code.

To read the new ordinance in detail, visit the City's website at [www.coonrapidsmn.gov](http://www.coonrapidsmn.gov), then look under "City Code."

## City Code Change to Dog Licensing

New for 2015: All dogs must be licensed with the City every year. In the past, dog licenses were valid for two years. Proof of rabies vaccination and a \$10 fee is required. There is no license fee for a certified service dog. Licenses are available at City Hall between the hours of 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. For questions call the City Clerk's office at 763-767-6432.

The annual Rabies Vaccination Clinic is coming up in May at local fire stations. More information will be published in the Spring City Newsletter.





## Snowplowing 101

The City plows over 400 lane miles of streets after every snow storm of three inches or more. Residents often have a lot of questions about snowplowing, so the City would like to take a moment to explain some of the snowplowing procedures currently in place.

### General Plowing

- Snow is plowed only after snowfalls of three inches or more per city code.
- The priority for street plowing is: main arterial roadways (some examples include 121st Avenue, Egret Blvd.), residential streets, then sidewalks. The City plows arterial roadways more often as they are more heavily traveled. Residential roads typically are not as clear of snow and ice, down to the blacktop like the main arterial roadways. To do this would take tons of salt and many more man hours.
- The residential streets that get plowed first vary to the extent possible after each snowstorm.
- Sidewalks near schools are a priority for snow clearing before other areas of sidewalks in the city.
- Roads within Coon Rapids are maintained by both the City and the County. Hanson Boulevard, for example, is a county road. Other examples of county roads within our city include Coon Rapids Boulevard, Northdale Boulevard east of Hanson Boulevard and University Avenue.
- It is the homeowner's responsibility to make sure that mailboxes are installed with the proper clearance levels to avoid damage from the snowplow. A detailed guide on mailbox installation can be found at [www.coonrapidsmn.gov/publicworks/streets/pdf/MailboxInstallationStandards.pdf](http://www.coonrapidsmn.gov/publicworks/streets/pdf/MailboxInstallationStandards.pdf).
- Homeowners are responsible for clearing snow away from mailboxes. If snow is not cleared away from the mailbox, it may delay your mail service by the post office.
- The City does not plow or clear bus stop areas. This is provided by the bus company.

### Cul-de-sacs

- City crews plow over 400 cul-de-sacs in the city.
- The process for plowing cul-de-sacs includes several pieces of equipment such as large trucks, pickups and front end loaders. Crews work together to best coordinate the most efficient method of plowing and snow removal.
- Because of the number of driveways in a cul-de-sac, it can sometimes be difficult for snowplow drivers to push the snow to lawn areas, but drivers make every effort to do so.

### Salt Usage

- The City uses a salt/chemical mix, not sand.
- The salt is used on main arterial roadways, at intersections and on hilly locations.
- Salt is not put down on every block of every

residential road in the city. In neighborhoods, salt is most often put down at intersections and on hills.

- Salt is a large pollutant in storm water runoff, which harms and pollutes our lakes, waters and streams. The City uses enough salt to keep our roads safe, while balancing the needs of the environment.

- In order for salt to effectively break up ice and snow on the roadways, the temperature must be above 15 degrees. When temperatures are lower than this, salt does not work as effectively. Sunshine makes a big difference too. If the sun is out, it helps to heat up the pavement, which allows the salt to go to work, breaking up the ice and snow.

### Winter Parking Ban

- From November 1 to April 1, parking is not allowed on any street from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.
- Parking is also not allowed on any street when there is an accumulation of 3 inches of snow or more.
- Parking can resume on the street once it has been plowed from curb to curb (but still no parking from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.)
- If you are parked on the street between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., you could receive a ticket or have your car towed.
- If a vehicle is blocking the path of a snowplow after an accumulation of 3 inches of snow or more, it may be ticketed and/or towed.



## Tips to Reduce Salt and Help Our Environment

1. Prevent ice buildup. Shovel snow early before walking or driving on it so it doesn't get compacted.
2. Only use salt or deicing chemicals where it is absolutely needed (i.e. near a door). Use it to break the bond between ice and pavement or concrete and then scrape up the rest. Once the ice has been melted and cleared away, leftover crystals can be swept up and reused.
3. If temperatures fall below 15 degrees, the use of salt becomes ineffective. Sand is a better solution in the colder temperatures.
4. Sand is good for improving traction on snow and ice, especially when temperatures are too cold for salt to be effective. Sand can also be swept up and reused.

Please do your part to keep our surface waters clean by going on a salt diet!



Please shovel the snow out from around your nearest fire hydrant. It will save time for firefighters in case of a fire. Thank you!



City code prohibits residents from plowing, shoveling or blowing snow onto a public street.



City Code requires waste and recycling carts to be placed behind the curb and out of the roadway. This helps to keep the streets clear of carts so that snowplowing can be completed from curb-to-curb in the winter. In the spring and fall, it helps with street sweeping.

## Stay Informed with the Snowplow Hotline

Get updated snowplowing information by calling 763-755-2880, menu option #3. A new message will be recorded after snow events of three inches or more. Find out when City crews got out on the roads, an estimation of when they will be done and get updates on sidewalk plowing.

## Coon Rapids Man Alive After Bystanders Help with CPR

Coon Rapids resident Tim Buck and his wife Fatima were enjoying a concert at the Coon Rapids Dam on July 31, 2014, when suddenly the fun was cut short and Tim was on the ground in sudden cardiac arrest. Clinically dead, his wife wasn't sure if she would see her husband alive again. With critical life-saving seconds ticking away, Tim could not wait for help to arrive, he needed a bystander to become the help. In less than one minute, civilian bystanders Mark Snell, Jennifer Fritz, Kristen Shields and Park Ranger Ryan Radke decided to become the help Tim needed to survive. Mark, Jennifer and Ryan overcame their own fear and hesitation, properly recognized the situation and started compression-only CPR on Tim. Working as a team, the three individuals took turns performing compression-only CPR, providing Tim's brain the oxygen it needed. The circulation of oxygen-rich blood provided by the compression-only CPR bought the precious minutes needed to get an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to the scene. When the AED arrived, Kristen wasted no time in deploying it. After one shock from the AED, Tim Buck's heartbeat was restored. Shortly after the first shock, emergency services arrived and began working on Tim. Thanks to the early compression-only CPR, by the time Tim was transported to the hospital he was awake and breathing on his own.

The fact that bystanders jumped in to help in this situation is the reason Tim Buck is fully functioning today. Two of the bystanders, Jennifer Fritz and Mark Snell, learned how to do compression-only CPR through the Heart Safe Coon Rapids program in 2013, a program designed to teach and train community members about sudden cardiac arrest, compression-only CPR and AED use. Little did Jennifer and Mark know, they would put their training to the test in a real-life situation just one year later.

If you would like to learn more about training through the Heart Safe Coon Rapids program email [heartsafe@coonrapidsmn.gov](mailto:heartsafe@coonrapidsmn.gov). Program organizers offer training at community events, businesses and other locations. The goal is to have over half of the Coon Rapids population trained in compression-only CPR and AED use. The more people trained, the more lives that can potentially be saved.

Tim Buck says he is forever grateful to his rescuers. "I appreciate each and every one of them from the bottom of my heart for what they did."



Tim Buck (center in purple shirt) with his family, meeting his team of rescuers on October 21, 2014.

## Commission Appreciation

The City of Coon Rapids and members of the Coon Rapids City Council would like to thank the dozens of volunteers who serve on the City's various advisory boards and commissions. Over 60 commissioners were recognized for their work at a Commission Appreciation Dinner held on November 12 at the Bunker Hills Event Center. Commission members provide input and recommendations to the City Council on a variety of issues.

If you are interested in volunteering on a commission, visit [www.coonrapidsmn.gov](http://www.coonrapidsmn.gov) or call 763-767-6493.



## National Awards

CTN Studios, the City of Coon Rapids community television station, recently received six national honors from the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA).

The station received a second place award for programming excellence. "Sportsnight", a half-hour sports entertainment program, received a second place award in the category of sports programming. The "Who We Are Video", a promotional video about the station, won second place in the municipal channel promotion category. CTN News placed third in the news series category. Coverage of the 2013 "Blaine at Coon Rapids" prep football game won a third place award in the live sports event category. The program "City Connections" received an Honorable Mention award in the community awareness category. CTN Studios programming can be found on Xfinity cable in Coon Rapids, on channels 14, 15, 16, 19, and 20 and online at [www.ctnstudios.com](http://www.ctnstudios.com).



## Riverview Park Renovations Underway...Continued from page 1



A new warming house is under construction at Riverview Park.

on 105th Avenue. The old access point on Uplander Street has been converted to a trail. Additional work on a skate park and seeding of the ball fields will occur this spring.

Due to the construction at the park, the skating rink and warming house will not be open for the 2014-2015 season. All park improvements should be complete by the summer of 2015.

## Sand Creek Park Reconstruction

Extensive planning is taking place for the reconstruction of Sand Creek Park, which is set to begin in the spring of 2015. A public meeting was held on November 25, 2014 to showcase the design plans to the community, which were about half-way complete. Dozens of people turned out to view the park plans and the community response was overwhelmingly positive. The park design is now being finalized and construction plans will go to the City Council for approval sometime in February or March.

Public participation in this project has been extensive from public meetings to informal surveys conducted at area schools. Students in kindergarten and fourth grades at Sand Creek Elementary school, along with first and second graders at Cross of Christ school were asked to give their opinions about various pieces of park equipment in December. Photos of slides, play structures, swings and other equipment were hung on the walls of the lunchroom and students were asked to put a sticker on the park structures they liked best. This information is being used for planning purposes both at Sand Creek Park and for future park projects. The Parks and Recreation Commission and City staff felt it was important for young people to give an opinion on the types of park equipment they would play with. Thank you to all students who participated in this process and thank you to all community members who provided comments about Sand Creek Park at public meetings and other opportunities.

Park renovations at Sand Creek include a completely new layout of the complex to bring it up to modern athletic field standards. Some

additional highlights include re-arranged parking and fields, new concession buildings, new football/lacrosse fields, enhanced trails with connections to surrounding neighborhoods, new playground areas, two hockey rinks with open skate areas and energy efficient lighting.

With the planned improvements and new layout of the park, the Fourth of July celebration will no longer occur at Sand Creek Park. The City Council has decided to permanently move the celebration out of Sand Creek Park. In 2015, the community event will take place on the property near the Coon Rapids Ice Center, located along Coon Rapids Boulevard. The parade route will also change from its current path along Northdale Boulevard and instead travel along Mississippi Boulevard.

More details about the 4th of July changes will be published in the 2015 spring and summer City newsletters as well as on the City website, social media and cable television.

Other changes happening with Sand Creek Park reconstruction:

- The entrance to the park will be relocated to Redwood Street and Northdale Boulevard.
- Northdale Boulevard will be upgraded to include turn lanes and a traffic signal at the intersection of Redwood and Northdale to allow for improved traffic flow in and out of the park. Construction of the roadway and intersection will most likely occur in 2016.
- A trail is proposed to run along 112th Avenue which would link Sand Creek Park to Moor Park. This project is possible thanks to a DNR grant. The trail has not been approved yet by the City Council.

## Building a Walkable Community

Most of us can't imagine life without our cars, but some people live, work and recreate where they never have to use a car at all! Walkable communities are becoming a goal for many cities; meaning you can live, work and go out to dinner...all within a fairly short distance.

As the suburbs grew over the past 50 years, Coon Rapids included, transportation relied heavily on cars to help people get from point A to B. But that philosophy is changing as communities continue to build more sidewalks, trails, and housing options near bus stops and rail stations. By creating a diverse transportation plan, it allows for a variety of mobility options for everyone.

In recent years, the City of Coon Rapids has put more emphasis on walkability. Studies show that more people (especially millennials ages 18-33) are looking for communities with a variety of transportation options, as well as housing, employment and recreational options. Coon Rapids is known for its 40 miles of trails, extensive park system and beauty along the Mississippi River. Walkability is an important factor as it relates to transportation options and physical activity, which provides benefits for everyone. The City looks to incorporate sidewalk and trail improvements/connections with every opportunity, whether it is a park project, street reconstruction project or new development.

The Park Bond approved by voters in 2013 allows for funding of trail connections. The City is also committed to finishing the sidewalk gaps around town using money from the Park Improvement Fund. Improving the city's walkability will continue to be a topic of discussion as park and trail enhancements continue over the coming years

## Bunker Hills Golf Club... Continued from page 1

Bunker Hills Golf Club is located in Bunker Hills Regional Park. The course has been recognized as one of the top 25 golf courses in the country by Golf Digest. A new clubhouse opened in 2011, featuring a Pro Shop, golf simulators, a restaurant with a wood-fire grill and event space to accommodate weddings, meetings and other events. GolfTEC Bunker Hills offers tailored golf instruction to individuals looking to improve their game, and a new practice facility opened in 2014, offering guests a superior driving range and putting green to practice and hone their skills.

## 2014 Holiday Lighting Contest Winners

All winners received a cash prize from the Coon Rapids Arts Commission.

### MOTION WINNER - 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE



Tim Yohnk ~ 12052 Vintage St. NW

### MOTION WINNER - 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE



Jerry Murphy ~ 10940 Magnolia St. NW

### STILL WINNER - 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE



Bruce Quammen ~ 11360 Crooked Lake Blvd.

### STILL WINNER - 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE



Shelly Sullivan ~ 11231 Partridge St. NW

## Arts Commission Photo Contest Winners



The Coon Rapids Arts Commission is proud to announce the winners of the 2014 Photo Contest.

The contest took place from July 7 – September 15, 2014. Amateur photographers were invited to submit one photo, per person. It was a requirement that all photos be taken in Coon Rapids. Photos were submitted through social media, email and in person along with an application form. Contest entries were reviewed by members of the Coon Rapids Arts Commission and were judged on the basis of creativity, photographic quality and how the image expressed the participant's designated theme.



### First Place: Wisdom Resting

*Submitted by:*

**Esther Warkentin**

Taken with a Panasonic DMC-FZ100  
near 1700 99th Ave. NW

Cash prize: \$150



### First Place 17 years of age and under:

### A Walk After the Rain

*Submitted by:*

**Kenna Wendt**

Taken with an iPhone  
near Bunker Hills Park

Cash prize: \$150



### Second Place: Magical Morning After Evening Rain

*Submitted by:*

**Sandy Thomsen**

Taken with an iPhone 5s  
near Hoover School Park

Cash prize: \$100



### Third Place: Backyard Butterfly

*Submitted by:*

**John Kosciolk**

Taken with a Nikon CoolPix P520  
in his backyard

Cash prize: \$50



## Winter is the Perfect Time to Plan Your Next Home Improvement Project

Are you dreaming of a new family room addition, complete with fireplace, wood floors and built in wood cabinets? Or maybe a remodeled kitchen complete with new appliances? You can turn these dreams into reality with a little help from the City of Coon Rapids! The City has several resources to help you plan and prepare for these projects, and winter time is the perfect time to start planning!

If you are considering a home remodel worth \$35,000 or more, you could qualify for the Home for Generations II program. Up to \$5,000 in grant money is available. To help residents plan and prepare for their projects, the City offers low-cost architectural consultations (with a majority of the fee paid for by the Coon Rapids Mortgage Assistance Foundation). The City has partnered with several architectural and landscape design firms to offer residents expert advice from industry professionals. A two hour, at-home consultation, can help you plan your project, while thinking



*The Kleist family participated in the Home for Generations II program and remodeled their kitchen and dining room. Before, the space felt cramped due to a wall that divided the kitchen and dining area. The Kleist's decided to remove the wall, which created an open floor plan. The area also features a center island/breakfast bar for eating and entertaining as well as granite countertops, new cabinets, and new flooring.*



about how to best utilize your existing space. You must apply for the Home for Generations II program before scheduling a consultation with an architect.

Find out more today! Visit the City's website for more information, or contact Kristin at 763-767-6517 or by email at [kdegrande@coonrapidsmn.gov](mailto:kdegrande@coonrapidsmn.gov).

## North Suburban Home Improvement Show

**Saturday, March 21, 2015**  
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Andover YMCA Community Center**  
15200 Hanson Blvd. NW, Andover  
[www.northsuburbanhomeshow.org](http://www.northsuburbanhomeshow.org)



Meet a variety of contractors and other industry professionals at the North Suburban Home Improvement Show, coming up on Saturday, March 21. The event features over 100 exhibitors featuring everything from roofing, siding and windows to the latest products and services for your home interior remodel. Experts in landscaping and home energy improvements are also available. This is a FREE event, but attendees are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to benefit local food shelves or provide a monetary donation. Activities for the whole family!



## FREE Home Remodeling Advisor Visits

The City of Coon Rapids offers complimentary Remodeling Advisor Visits for residents considering a home remodel. Receive expert advice, free of charge, for any home improvement project. From a simple renovation to a dream remodel, Advisor Visits can be helpful in sorting out the possibilities when it comes to your next project. No income limits and no minimum amount required for your remodeling project. Find out more today by calling the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) at 612-335-5884 or visit [www.mncee.org](http://www.mncee.org).

## Home Improvement Resources

**Home Improvement Loans** can help finance any remodeling project. Call the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) to find out which loan program is best for you at 612-335-5884.

The **Zero Interest Home Rehabilitation Deferred Loan** uses federal grant money to help low to moderate income earners with home repairs such as general maintenance, energy efficiency and more. Up to \$24,999 is available. Call the HousingResource™ Center at 651-486-7401 or visit [www.gmhchousing.org](http://www.gmhchousing.org).

**Down Payment Assistance** is available through the Coon Rapids Mortgage Assistance Foundation. Contact Cheryl Bennett at the City of Coon Rapids at 763-767-6422, by email [cbennett@coonrapidsmn.gov](mailto:cbennett@coonrapidsmn.gov) or visit [www.coonrapidsmn.gov/](http://www.coonrapidsmn.gov/)



# Business News

## City to Seek Developers for Port Riverwalk Property

The City of Coon Rapids' Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) is beginning to seek developers for the property it owns on the south side of Coon Rapids Boulevard generally between Egret Boulevard and Avocet Street, known as Port Riverwalk. The HRA purchased the property, demolished blighted buildings, and cleaned up contamination in the area several years ago. After a development proposal by Shamrock Development and Rottlund Homes in 2006, which never materialized due to the downturn in the housing market, the HRA entered into an agreement with Shamrock to develop the property once market conditions improved. This fall, representatives of Shamrock Development indicated they are no longer interested in developing the Port Riverwalk property and the HRA terminated its agreement with Shamrock.

The City adopted a new master plan for Port Riverwalk in 2013, which calls for a variety of types of residential development, a "parkway" connecting Egret Boulevard with Avocet Street to replace the existing Coon Rapids Boulevard frontage road, and possibly a small amount of commercial development. City Staff is beginning to meet with potential residential developers. Potential housing types could include townhomes, apartments or senior housing. The HRA will then decide to work with one or more developers. It is unlikely that a single developer would be interested in the entire 30+ acre site, given the amount of housing the market can support in a particular year.



## Construction Continues on Mercy Hospital Mother-Baby Center

Construction is underway on a 50,000 square foot addition to Mercy Hospital that will house its Mother-Baby Center. The addition is nearly enclosed and construction will continue through the winter.



## FREE Business Advice

If you are a Coon Rapids business owner or looking to open a business in the city, you are invited to participate in the FREE Open to Business program. Business Advisor, Rob Smolund, holds office hours at City Hall for walk-in appointments on the **third Tuesday of each month from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.** Entrepreneurs interested in this service can also schedule appointments at other times by calling 612-789-7337, ext. 260.

The program has already helped several Coon Rapids residents and business owners by providing business advice ranging from marketing and financial management to leasing and purchasing property.

### Client Examples:

- The program helped secure a \$100,000 loan for a buyer of a hotel property leveraging another \$1.85 million in private capital.
- A resident received help in developing financial tools to realistically evaluate a major real estate development and business.
- An entrepreneur received assistance in better understanding his target market and discovering other markets he could explore by making a few adjustments to his product.

More information about this program can also be found online at [www.opentobusinessmn.org](http://www.opentobusinessmn.org).

## Other Business News:

- **Chanticlear Pizza** has opened in a new space at Northdale and Crooked Lake Boulevards. The new restaurant features a full menu and patio seating.
- **Spiral Manufacturing** is constructing an addition at 114th Avenue and Yellowpine Streets.
- **Chuck & Don's Pet Food and Supplies** has opened a new location at 12465 Riverdale Blvd. NW, Suite C.
- **Points North Community Acupuncture** has opened at 10026 University Ave. NW, Suite 105.
- Construction is nearly complete at **Autumn Glenn Senior Living**, 3715 Coon Rapids Boulevard. The new building will include 32 units of independent living, 36 units of assisted living, and 32 memory care units.

# Police News

WINTER 2015 NEWSLETTER

## 2015 Polar Plunge

The Coon Rapids Police Department is teaming up with Special Olympics to participate in the 2015 Polar Bear Plunge. Participants will jump into the frigid water of Crooked Lake and raise money for Special Olympics at the same time! Come support the "Rapid Responders!"

**Event Date:** Saturday, February 28

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Crooked Lake Park  
13180 Crooked Lake Blvd. NW  
Coon Rapids

To read more or support the "plungers":  
[www.plungemn.org](http://www.plungemn.org) (and look for the Anoka County event)



Police Chief Brad Wise and DARE Officer Ken Young served lunch to students at Eisenhower Elementary in September, as part of the "Kookies Penny Drive." Students donate their pennies and other change to support this fundraising effort which benefits the police department and other agencies in Anoka County.



**Call 911  
whenever you  
need police, fire  
or ambulance  
response.**

This applies to emergencies and also the following:

- Barking dog complaints
- Other noise complaints
- Suspicious activity reports
- Medical issues
- Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms
- Illegal recreational fires

Our dispatch system is organized through the 911 call center. Even if you don't think it's an emergency, but it requires some type of police, fire or ambulance response, call 911.

## 2014 Police Citizens Academy

Congratulations to members of the 2014 Police Citizens Academy, who graduated from the class in November. Members spent ten weeks learning about different aspects of the police department. From learning about firearms and defensive tactics, to understanding how to process a crime scene and participating in a ride-along with a patrol officer, students were able to get a "behind-the-scenes" view of the police department. Thank you to everyone who participated in the program! The next Police Citizens Academy will begin in September 2015.

## Toward Zero Deaths Enforcement Grant

The Coon Rapids Police Department is once again participating in enhanced enforcement efforts thanks to a grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety. The "Toward Zero Deaths" grant provides funding for extra enforcement initiatives related to seat belt safety, distracted driving, speeding and DWI enforcement. Coon Rapids is one of eleven law enforcement agencies in Anoka County participating in the enhanced enforcement efforts and will share the grant money totaling \$388,988.09.

**ANOKA  
COUNTY TASK FORCE**

**LOCK your car. TAKE your keys. REMOVE your valuables.**



The Anoka County Auto Theft Task Force would like to remind you to lock your car door, take your keys and remove your belongings.

Close your windows and use the vehicle alarm system if equipped with one. If you must leave your belongings in the car, hide them before you reach your destination.



## Coon Rapids Fire Department History - 2000 to the Present

(Part four of a four part series)

Terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, changed the way our nation viewed its security. After this incident, fire departments and local government agencies across the country implemented advanced training for emergency personnel to be the first line of defense against terroristic threats to our communities. The Coon Rapids Fire Department accomplished this in many ways, most notably by increasing the amount of training and services offered to the community as members of the North Metro Specialized Rescue Team. This specialty team, made up of members of several north metro fire departments, can handle specialty rescues in confined space situations including sewers, trenches and collapsed buildings. The department also expanded its training efforts through the North Metro Chemical Assessment Team, which handles calls dealing with chemical spills and other hazardous situations.

The Coon Rapids Fire Department celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2003. To celebrate this milestone in a big way, firefighters tracked down and purchased the department's original fire engine, a 1940 GMC/American LaFrance, which the department had sold



*Antique fire truck after refurbishing*

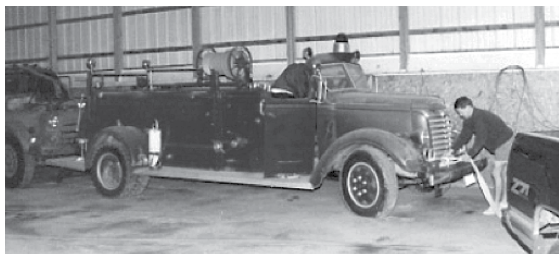
in the mid-1970s. A 50th Anniversary Committee was established to raise money to restore the antique fire truck and plan anniversary activities. Firefighters worked hard to restore the antique truck, which was used in the city's Fourth of July parade in 2003. Former firefighters and citizens alike enjoyed seeing this piece of history make its way down Northdale Boulevard. The antique fire truck continues to be part of the Fourth of July parade and is housed at Fire Station 1 today. It is often showcased during fire station tours and open house events.

The Coon Rapids City Council passed a resolution at its March 18, 2003 meeting commending the fire department for its 50 years of exemplary service. Approximately 35 firefighters were on hand for the presentation. Chief Tim Farmer accepted the resolution on behalf of the department.

In recent years, the department has worked to improve the overall health and wellness of firefighters. In 2009,

on a voluntary basis, a quarterly fitness test was initiated where members would take a test at six different stations including sit and reach, pushups, pull ups, plank, wall sit and a one mile run. In 2010, a biggest loser contest was established to encourage participation and, through an anonymous donor, cash prizes were offered to the individual members who lost the highest percentage of body weight. In addition to the quarterly fitness tests, members of the department are also encouraged to spend time each week participating in fun physical activities such as soccer, touch football, jogging, ultimate frisbee, volleyball, floor hockey, and tennis. Many of our members also participate in a fun hockey league and skate every Sunday night from October through April. Currently the quarterly fitness testing includes eight stations, and medals are awarded to the top performers each quarter. In addition to the medals, the Fire Department maintains a "Wall of Fame" board that posts the lifetime results for the top three performances.

The Coon Rapids Fire Department: Firefighting and a whole lot more!



*Firefighters picking up antique fire truck*



*Firefighters receiving a 50th Anniversary proclamation at a city council meeting*

## 2014 Poster Contest Winner

Congratulations to Ingrid Norquist, a fourth grader from Mississippi Elementary school, who won the citywide 2014 Fire Prevention Poster Contest. This year's theme focused on the importance of having working smoke detectors, with the safety message "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!" Ingrid's poster won a regional competition and has now moved on to the state competition. Congratulations Ingrid!



## New Fire Truck

A new fire truck is now in service at Fire Station number 3. The 2014 Pierce fire truck arrived in August and replaces a truck that went into service in 2006.



## Safety Tips

- Do not throw hot ashes in trash cans! Ashes can remain hot for up to 7 days. Dispose of hot ashes properly by placing them in a metal container. When completely cool, the ashes can be thrown in the trash can.
- Pay special attention to portable heaters this time of year! Maintain proper clearance around heaters so items don't catch on fire.

## Help with eBooks

Did you know that you can get free eBooks from the Anoka County Library? The books are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at [www.anokacountylibrary.org](http://www.anokacountylibrary.org). If you would like to learn more, schedule a free, one-to-one, thirty minute appointment and learn how to download free library eBooks! A representative from the Anoka County Library will meet with you individually at the Coon Rapids Senior Center and show you how it works with your device (iPads, iPhones, Androids and Kindles). Bring your device, your device ID and password and your library card and PIN (if you have one). To make your Tuesday appointment, call the Coon Rapids Senior Center at 763-767-6473.



## Energy Assistance Program

Winter is here and so are the high heating bills! The Energy Assistance Program is designed to assist low-income households with energy costs during the winter months. Families, single people and seniors can apply if they meet the eligibility guidelines. If your gross income is less than \$5,838 for three months for one person or \$7,635 for three months for two people, you could qualify for a credit on your energy bill. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis and are generally processed within 30-60 days. Call 763-783-4712 to request an application or to receive assistance in filling out the form.



## Card Groups

It is going to be a long winter, so get out of the house and come to the Coon Rapids Senior Center and play cards. No advance reservation needed (except for Bridge).

***Just come on in and join the fun!***

**'500':** Wednesdays at 12:45

**Pinochle:** Thursdays at 12:45

**Cribbage:** Tuesdays at 12:45

**Hand & Foot:** Fridays at 12:15

**Bridge:** Tuesdays at 12:45  
(call 755-0008 for a reservation)



## Minnesota Safety Council Defensive Driving Courses

Consumers 55+ years of age with a valid driver's license can receive a 10% automobile insurance discount for three years by attending a Minnesota Safety Council Defensive Driving Course. Anyone taking the course for the first time must attend an 8-hour session. Others may take a shorter, 4-hour refresher course every three years. Call for a reservation form. Registration and payment must be received 2 weeks prior to the class. Plan ahead!

These classes fill up early. Call 763-767-6473 to register or to get a complete listing of 2015 classes.

### **4-Hour Refresher Course: \$20.00**

Monday, February 23: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Monday, March 16: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Monday, March 30: 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Monday, April 13: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

### **8-Hour Course: \$22.00**

Mondays, March 2 & 9: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



## SilverSneakers Class

Starting in January, the Coon Rapids Senior Center is offering this fitness class that will help you improve flexibility and balance while increasing muscular endurance. The first session is free for everyone. After that, the classes are \$35.00 per month. There is no cost to "SilverSneakers" members. Bring your insurance card to see if you are covered. Get serious about your new year's resolution and join us. No need to register in advance.

## Strength & Balance Class

Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays  
8:30-9:30 a.m.





## Golf Awards

The 2014 Tee Times Readers' Choice awards are in and show Bunker Hills Golf Club is a favorite among golfers! It is the first year the golf club has been recognized with a first place acknowledgement for Favorite Golf Course Restaurant. The course also received new acknowledgements in two categories this year: Best Hospitality and Best Pro Shop.

The award results:

- Voted #1 - Favorite Golf Course Restaurant
- Voted #1 - Best Halfway House (snack shed)
- Voted #3 - Favorite Golf Course for a Tournament
- Voted #4 - Best Merchandised Pro Shop
- Voted #4 - Favorite Course for a Holiday Party
- Voted #5 - Favorite Clubhouse
- Voted #5 - Best Hospitality

The golf simulators  
are open!  
Book your event  
today!



golfTEC is open  
for private lessons.  
Call 612-424-9251  
or visit  
bunkerhillsgolf.com

## Bar & Grill

Open daily for lunch and dinner with happy hour in the bar from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday brunch available from 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### *Bunker Hills Golf Club*

12800 Bunker Prairie Drive  
Coon Rapids, MN 55448  
763-755-4141

www.bunkerhillsgolf.com

golfTEC: 612-424-9251

Bar & Grill: 763-951-7277



## Public Skating

Lace up your skates and enjoy the ice during one of our public skating sessions.

Fall & Winter Public Skating event times:

**Wednesdays &**

**Fridays** - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Sundays** - 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for students. Children ages 5 and under skate FREE with a paid admission. Skate rental and sharpening also available.

## Summer Sports Camp

NEW to the Coon Rapids Ice Center in 2015! The AKA All Sports Camp! 10-12 weeks of multi-sports instruction, games, field trips and more! Register at [www.akasport.org](http://www.akasport.org).

Active Kids Association of Sport (AKASPORT) has been providing multi-sports programs and camps around the metro for over 10 years and is excited to be offering this new program at the Coon Rapids Ice Center!

### *Coon Rapids Ice Center*

11000 Crooked Lake Blvd. • 763-951-7222 • [WWW.COONRAPIDSICECENTER.COM](http://WWW.COONRAPIDSICECENTER.COM)

## "The Element" Teen Center

(grades 6-12)

**Now with expanded hours!**

2701 Northdale Blvd. (at Riverwind Park)

**Monday - Thursday:** 3-6 p.m.

**Friday:** 6-9 p.m.

## Winter Skating Lessons

It is not too late to sign up for winter skating lessons! Classes just started in early January so there's still time to participate. Sign up now and new students will receive pro-rated tuition! Visit [www.coonrapidsicecenter.com](http://www.coonrapidsicecenter.com) for more information.

## Outdoor Skating Rinks Now Open

Open skating and hockey rinks are now open and will remain open through mid-February, weather permitting.

### **Coon Rapids Ice Center**

- 11091 Mississippi Boulevard

- Outdoor skating available at various times.

**Delta Park** - 11151 Yukon Street NW

**Sand Creek Park** - 1008 Northdale Blvd.

**Thorpe Park** - 2691 Carlson Drive

**Wintercrest Park** - 10300 Woodcrest Drive

**Note:** Due to construction at Riverview Park, the skating rink and warming house will NOT be available for the 2014-2015 season.

## Great Event Space!

Did you know the Coon Rapids Ice Center has space to accommodate your next birthday party, meeting or other special event? Find out more today! Contact Bill at 763-951-7219 or email [bganser@coonrapidsmn.gov](mailto:bganser@coonrapidsmn.gov).



# Parks & Recreation

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## Coon Rapids Baseball Registration

January 31 & February 14

Coon Rapids Ice Center

9:00 a.m. – 12 noon

### Central Little League

T-Ball to 12-Under baseball

Website: [www.eteamz.active.com/CRCLL](http://www.eteamz.active.com/CRCLL)

### National Little League

T-Ball to 12-Under baseball

Website: [www.eteamz.active.com/crnll](http://www.eteamz.active.com/crnll)

### Coon Rapids Baseball Association

13-Under to 18-Under

Rec. & Traveling Baseball

Website: [www.coonrapidsbaseball.com](http://www.coonrapidsbaseball.com)

## Coon Rapids / Andover American Little League

9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Feb. 7th & 14th – Andover Elementary

Feb. 21st & 28th – Sand Creek Elementary

### Coon Rapids / Andover American Little League

T-Ball to 14-Under baseball

Website: [www.cralbaseball.com](http://www.cralbaseball.com)



## Coon Rapids Affiliated Spring / Summer Youth Sports Associations

For information on each association's eligibility and registration dates, please check the association's website.

### Coon Rapids Athletic Association

- Slowpitch softball for girls 2nd to 12th grade and boys 9th to 12th grade

- Lacrosse for boys 3rd to 8th grade

Website: [www.craakids.com](http://www.craakids.com)

### Coon Rapids Soccer Association

Online registration begins in January

Recreational and Competitive Soccer for all ages (4 years and older)

Website: [www.crsoccer.org](http://www.crsoccer.org)

### Coon Rapids Fastpitch Association

Fastpitch for girls age 7-18.

Website: [www.coonrapidsfastpitch.com](http://www.coonrapidsfastpitch.com)

## Prenatal Yoga Class

Join Blooma certified Prenatal Instructor Angela Hoff as she guides you through a sequence that will strengthen and nurture your body. We will focus on connecting body, breath and baby while preparing for birth. This class is designed for expectant mothers at any level of yoga practice. This class is for women only. Please bring a yoga mat. All other props will be provided.

**Session:** Wednesdays February 4 – March 18  
(no class February 25)

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Coon Rapids Ice Center

**Fee:** \$50 for six week session or drop in for \$12

## Adult Gentle Yoga Class

This gentle class will link movement to breath while building strength and increasing flexibility. Slow paced floor poses, seated postures, spinal twisting, standing postures, gentle back bends, and deep breathing will be included. This is an ideal class for those new to yoga, as well as the experienced student who enjoys this gentle approach to their practice. No experience is required. Please bring a yoga mat.

**Session:** Wednesdays February 4 – March 18  
(no class February 25)

**Time:** 7:45 p.m.

**Location:** Coon Rapids Ice Center

**Fee:** \$45 for six week session or drop in for \$10

Go to [www.coonrapidsmn.gov](http://www.coonrapidsmn.gov) or call (763) 767-6513 for more information.

# Community Connection

## 2015 Snowflake Days

January 24 – February 15



Gather your family and friends and come out to the Snowflake Days celebration January 24 – February 15! Sponsored by the Snowflake Days Committee, this annual event has been going strong since 1964! Don't forget to buy your Snowflake Days buttons for \$3.00 at local businesses.

**NEW events in 2015:** "Hot Chocolate and Canvas" (fun event for children of all ages) and an "Adult Comedy Show".

**Other events include:** North Stars Hockey Game, Mayor's Cup Simulated Golf Tournament, Snow Sculpture Contest, Kids and Adult Medallion Hunts, Community Sock Hop, Waffle Breakfast, Pickleball Tournament, Family Sledding, Children's Carnival, Youth Ice Fishing Tournament and more!

For a complete listing of all the events, with details on dates and times, visit [www.coonrapidssnowflakedays.weebly.com](http://www.coonrapidssnowflakedays.weebly.com)

**Winter fun for everyone!**



# Recycling Review

## Seasonal Hours

**November-March:** Tuesday-Saturday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**April-October:** Tuesday and Thursday 2 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

## Organic Recycling Pilot Program Coming Soon

Did you know that food waste and food-soiled paper are compostable?

Walters Recycling and Refuse is pleased to announce that we will be offering the Blue Bag Organics curbside program to residents who live in the city of Coon Rapids\*.

Here's how it works: discard food waste and food-soiled paper from meals, your refrigerator, and your pantry into a small kitchen bin, separate from your other household trash. Empty your small kitchen bin into the Blue Bag Organics Composting system — a covered blue can that is lined with a Blue Bag Organics BPI-certified bag. For trash day, hand tie (please don't use twist ties) your Blue Bag Organics liner and place it inside your regular garbage cart for curb-side pickup. It's that simple!

Coming soon in 2015! Walters' customers will be notified when the program becomes available.

\*You must be a residential customer of Walters Recycling and Refuse in order to participate in the pilot program.



## New Styrofoam Machine

The Coon Rapids Recycling Center is purchasing a \$45,000 machine to help process Styrofoam. The investment will allow the Recycling Center to process Styrofoam that comes in to the facility and then re-sell the material to suppliers. The profit made from the sale of the recycled Styrofoam will help pay for the cost of the machine in about seven years. A grant from Anoka County is providing the up-front financing needed to purchase the machine.

Currently the Recycling Center processes plastic foam from the state's seven Chick-Fil-A restaurants, as well as tons of foam brought in by residents from packing material. The Recycling Center has partnered in the past with HOM Furniture in Coon Rapids to process this material, but now the volume coming in to the Recycling Center exceeds what the retailer can handle. The increase in demand to recycle Styrofoam led the Recycling Center to look at other options. By recycling the Styrofoam and selling the compacted material to wholesalers for re-use, it keeps the product out of the waste stream.



## Coon Rapids Recycling Center

1831 – 111th Avenue, Coon Rapids, MN 55433

**763-767-6485**

**Appliance and electronics recycling available  
EVERY Saturday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

## Recycle Your Paint



Recycling paint just got easier now that more than 100 retail locations are accepting paint as of November 1, 2014.

To find a location near you, visit this website and enter your zip code: [www.paintcare.org/drop-off-locations](http://www.paintcare.org/drop-off-locations)

## The Fix-it Clinic

**January 31, 2015**

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Coon Rapids  
Civic Center**

11155 Robinson Drive



Don't throw it out, fix it! This event utilizes volunteers to help disassemble, troubleshoot and repair your broken items. The Fix-It Clinic can reduce some of what gets thrown into the trash and can teach basic repair skills, as well as build community connections.

Are you a tinkerer? Do you like to help people learn how to fix things? Volunteer fixers are needed to make this initiative a success. Volunteers should have skills in soldering, electronics and electrical repair, small appliances, motors and circuitry, lamp re-wiring, mechanical and gluing, sewing and general tinkering.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer at this event, please contact Recycling Coordinator, Colleen Sinclair, at 763-767-6485 or by email at [csinclair@coonrapidsmn.gov](mailto:csinclair@coonrapidsmn.gov).

# Events

## Wedding Expo

The Coon Rapids Civic Center is pleased to present the Wedding Expo! The event will feature dozens of vendors including: cake decorators, bartending services, wedding planners, photographers, videographers and more! Find everything you need, in one place, to make your wedding day a special one!

**When:** Saturday, March 7, 2015  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Coon Rapids Civic Center  
 11155 Robinson Drive  
 Coon Rapids, MN 55433-3761

Tickets are \$5.00 at the door.

For more information call the Civic Center at 763-767-6522 or visit our website at [www.coonrapidsciviccenter.com](http://www.coonrapidsciviccenter.com).



## 2015 Coon Rapids Performing Arts Series

The Coon Rapids Arts Commission is proud to host the annual "Dessert and Coffee Concert Series." Come out and enjoy a great evening of entertainment along with fabulous dessert and coffee.

### Mark your calendars for the 2015 dates:

(Please note: Information in blue has changed since the last newsletter printing)

- **Thursday, January 8** - Gravel Roads (Country)
- **Thursday, February 12** - Straighten Up and Fly Right! (Pop) An Unforgettable Tribute to Nat King Cole
- **Thursday, March 19** - Locklin Road (Celtic)
- **Thursday, April 9** - Holy Rocka Rollaz (50's)

All concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Coon Rapids Civic Center, 11155 Robinson Drive. Tickets are now on sale at City Hall or you can buy them at the door on the night of the concerts. There are new admission fees this year. Adults are \$8.00, Adults 65+ are \$6.00 and Children 12 and under are \$5.00. \$4.00 off when you buy a 4-concert package for \$28.00.

For more information contact Stephanie Lincoln at 763-767-6432 or email [slincoln@coonrapidsmn.gov](mailto:slincoln@coonrapidsmn.gov).



**March 21, 2015**

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Andover YMCA Community Center**

*More information on page 8*



**January 24 – February 15**

Winter fun for everyone!

*More details on page 14*

# Service Directory

**Police and Fire:** 911

**City Center:**

763-755-2880

**Assessing:**

763-767-6446

**Building Inspections:**

763-767-6476

**Bunker Hills Golf Club:**

763-755-4141

**CTN Studios:** (Cable TV Dept.)

763-767-6525

**Civic Center:**

763-767-6522

**Code Enforcement:**

763-767-6470

**Coon Rapids Ice Center:**

763-951-7222

**Engineering Department:**

763-767-6465

**Fire Administration:**

763-767-6429

**Job Hotline:**

763-767-6597

**Planning and Zoning:**

763-767-6430

**Police Administration:**

763-767-6481

**Public Works:**

763-767-6462

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763-767-6473

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